

**SENATE RESOLUTION 493—CONGRATULATING THE FIGHTING IRISH OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME WOMEN'S BASKETBALL TEAM FOR WINNING THE 2018 NATIONAL COLLEGIATE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 493

Whereas, on Sunday, April 1, 2018, the University of Notre Dame Women's Basketball Team (referred to in this preamble as the "Fighting Irish") won the 2018 National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this preamble as the "NCAA") Division I title with a 61–58 win over the Mississippi State Bulldogs, becoming 1 of only 7 women's basketball programs to win multiple NCAA championship titles;

Whereas the Fighting Irish displayed their grit and determination to overcome a 15-point disadvantage to the Bulldogs in the championship game, setting a record for the largest comeback in a NCAA title game;

Whereas the victory marked the second national title, the first of those titles coming on Sunday, April 1, 2001, for the Fighting Irish under the leadership of Head Coach Muffet McGraw;

Whereas Head Coach McGraw has excelled during her 31 seasons with the Fighting Irish, having—

(1) led the Fighting Irish to their 800th win under her leadership to secure their second national championship title;

(2) been inducted into the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame in 2017; and

(3) been named 2018 AP, USA Today, and ESPNW Coach of the Year;

Whereas Head Coach McGraw has been supported by assistant coaches and staff including—

- (1) Carol Owens;
- (2) Niele Ivey;
- (3) Beth Cunningham;
- (4) Katie Capps;
- (5) Erica Williamson; and
- (6) Sharla Lewis;

Whereas the full roster of the 2017–2018 national championship Fighting Irish team includes—

- (1) Kristina Nelson;
- (2) Lili Thompson;
- (3) Mychal Johnson;
- (4) Kathryn Westbeld;
- (5) Brianna Turner;
- (6) Marina Mabrey;
- (7) Maureen Butler;
- (8) Arike Ogunbowale;
- (9) Jessica Shepard;
- (10) Kaitlin Cole;
- (11) Jackie Young;
- (12) Mikayla Vaughn;
- (13) Nicole Benz; and
- (14) Danielle Patterson;

Whereas Arike Ogunbowale, junior guard for the Fighting Irish, was awarded Most Outstanding Player of the Final Four and scored 145 total points throughout the course of the 2018 NCAA tournament, which included the game-winning shots in both the semifinal and final rounds of play;

Whereas Jackie Young, sophomore guard and a native of Princeton, Indiana, led the Fighting Irish to a victory over the then-undefeated University of Connecticut Huskies with a dominant, breakout performance, racking up 32 points and pulling down 11 rebounds;

Whereas the tradition of the Fighting Irish of excelling in both athletics and academics

continues to advance the sport of women's basketball and provide inspiration for future generations of young female athletes; and

Whereas the spirit and achievement of the Fighting Irish in the face of adversity and the dramatic conclusion of their championship run inspired the respect and admiration of the basketball-loving State of Indiana: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team for its victory in the National Collegiate Athletic Association (referred to in this resolving clause as the "NCAA") tournament claiming the 2018 NCAA Division I title;

(2) recognizes the dedication, perseverance, and hard work of the players, coaches, students, alumni, administration, and support staff that directly contributed to the victory of the University of Notre Dame in the NCAA women's basketball championship; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Reverend John I. Jenkins, C.S.C., President of the University of Notre Dame;

(B) Muffet McGraw, Head Coach of the University of Notre Dame women's basketball team; and

(C) Jack Swarbrick, Vice-President and Athletic Director of the University of Notre Dame.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 494—CONGRATULATING THE HOOSIERS OF INDIANA UNIVERSITY FOR WINNING THE 2018 WOMEN'S NATIONAL INVITATION TOURNAMENT**

Mr. DONNELLY (for himself and Mr. YOUNG) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 494

Whereas, on March 31, 2018, the Indiana University women's basketball team (referred to in this preamble as the "Hoosiers") defeated the Virginia Tech Hokies by a score of 65–57 in the final game of the Women's National Invitation Tournament (referred to in this preamble as the "WNIT") in Bloomington, Indiana;

Whereas the Hoosiers won their first national postseason championship, and became only the sixth Big Ten school to earn a WNIT championship;

Whereas the Hoosiers hosted a record 13,007 fans in Simon Skjodt Assembly Hall for the WNIT championship game to mark the largest crowd to watch a Big Ten women's basketball game this season, the largest crowd in Indiana University women's basketball history, and the sixth largest crowd in WNIT history;

Whereas the Hoosiers tied a program-record 23 wins for the second straight season, finishing 23–14 overall and 9–7 in the Big Ten Conference;

Whereas the Hoosiers have shined under the leadership of Head Coach Teri Moren and have been supported by assistant coaches and staff including—

- (1) Rhet Wierzbza;
- (2) Janese Banks;
- (3) Glenn Box;
- (4) Liz Honegger;
- (5) Briana Bass;
- (6) Erin McKinney;
- (7) Eddie Praley; and
- (8) Ashley Williams;

Whereas the full roster of the 2017–2018 WNIT championship Hoosier team includes—

- (1) Tyra Buss;
- (2) Amanda Cahill;
- (3) Grace Withrow;
- (4) Kym Royster;
- (5) Brenna Wise;
- (6) Bre Wickware;
- (7) Bendu Yeane;
- (8) Keyanna Warthen;
- (9) Linsey Marchese;
- (10) Jaelynn Penn;
- (11) Alexis Johnson; and
- (12) Ali Patberg;

Whereas senior Tyra Buss was named Women's Basketball Coaches Association All-American Honorable Mention and First Team All-Big Ten, setting 8 school records, including the scoring record for Indiana University with 2,364 points;

Whereas senior Amanda Cahill was named College Sports Information Directors of America Academic All-American and Second Team All-Big Ten, scoring over 1,800 points and racking up 1,100 rebounds during her college career;

Whereas freshman Jaelynn Penn became the first Indiana University freshman to be named to the Big Ten All-Freshman Team; and

Whereas the consistent excellence, both academically and athletically, of the Hoosiers has advanced the sport of women's basketball and inspired countless generations of young women athletes: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) congratulates and honors the Indiana University women's basketball team and its loyal fans on the performance of the team in the 2018 Women's National Invitation Tournament;

(2) recognizes and commends the dedication, determination, and commitment to excellence of the players, parents, families, coaches, and managers of the Indiana University women's basketball team; and

(3) respectfully requests that the Secretary of the Senate transmit an enrolled copy of this resolution to—

(A) Dr. Michael A. McRobbie, President of Indiana University;

(B) Teri Moren, Head Coach of the Indiana University women's basketball team; and

(C) Fred Glass, Vice President and Director of Intercollegiate Athletics of Indiana University.

**SENATE RESOLUTION 495—EXPRESSING THE SENSE OF THE SENATE THAT, DURING PUBLIC SERVICE RECOGNITION WEEK, PUBLIC SERVANTS SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR THEIR DEDICATION AND CONTINUED SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES**

Ms. HEITKAMP (for herself, Mr. LANKFORD, Mr. CARPER, Mr. TESTER, Mr. BLUMENTHAL, Ms. HASSAN, Mr. BROWN, Mrs. FEINSTEIN, Mr. WARNER, Mrs. SHAHEEN, Mrs. MCCASKILL, Mr. KAINE, Mr. KING, Mr. COONS, Mr. PETERS, Mr. VAN HOLLEN, Mr. CARDIN, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. SANDERS, Ms. HARRIS, Mr. JOHNSON, and Mr. LEAHY) submitted the following resolution; which was considered and agreed to:

S. RES. 495

Whereas the week of May 6 through 12, 2018, has been designated as "Public Service Recognition Week" to honor employees of the Federal Government and State and local governments and members of the uniformed services;

Whereas Public Service Recognition Week provides an opportunity to recognize and